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SUBJECT: STAFF DEL MOOSE/MEISSNER VISIT TO SEA

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FOR AMBASSADOR AND SENIOR MILITARY PERSONNEL

JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. AS YOU WERE INFORMED IN REFTEL, CHARLES F. MEISSNER

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AND RICHARD M. MOOSE, STAFF CONSULTANTS OF THE SENATE

FOREIGN RELATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE, WILL BE VISITING SOUTH VIET-NAM AND KHMER REPUBLIC, INCLUDING MILITARY AND OTHER INSTALLATIONS, ON A 15-DAY TRIP BEGINNING MAY 15, 1974. STAFF DEL MAY ALSO VISIT VIENTIANE AND BANGKOK/NKP. PURPOSE OF THE TRIP SET FORTH IN PARA 1 REFTEL. STAFF DEL WILL BE PREPARING A CLASSIFIED REPORT WITH POSSIBLE PUBLIC RELEASE OF SUCH PORTIONS OF THE REPORT AS EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGREES TO DECLASSIFY.

2. THE POLICY OF STATE, AID AND DEFENSE IS TO COOPERATE IN ASSISTING THE SFRC STAFF TO PURSUE ITS INVESTIGATION WHICH IS WELL WITHIN THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONGRESS. WE PLAN TO ADVISE THEM OF THE SENSE OF THIS INSTRUCTION. STAFF MEMBER MOOSE WAS FORMERLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND ALSO WITH NSC STAFF. MEISSNER SERVED WITH U.S. ARMY IN VIET-NAM AND WITH TREASURY DEPT. THEY HAVE HAD

CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE WITH SFRC. THEY ARE HIGHLY KNOWLEDGEABLE AND WELL-PREPARED.

3. BOTH OFFICERS CARRY TOP SECRET CLEARANCE AND SHOULD BE GIVEN A FULL AND FRANK EXPOSITION OF THE SITUATIONS AND PROBLEMS IN COUNTRIES CONCERNED, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC GUIDANCE WHICH HAS GENERALLY APPLIED ON PREVIOUS STAFF DEL TRIPS: (A) THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND DEFENSE HAVE DECIDED THAT WITNESSES BEFORE THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE WILL BE INSTRUCTED NOT TO TESTIFY ON (1) NUCLEAR MATTERS INCLUDING DEPLOYMENTS. INFORMATION ON NUCLEAR DEPLOYMENTS ABROAD AND POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS THEREOF HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO FULL SFRC; (2) MILITARY CONTINGENCY PLANS: RULES OF ENGAGEMENT, PAST, PRESENT, OR PROPOSED; AND OPERATIONAL DETAILS OF ANY JOINT INTEGRATED DEFENSE ARRANGEMENTS; (3) OPERATIONAL DETAILS OF ONGOING OR PLANNED SENSITIVE OPERATIONS, THE DISCLOSURE OF WHICH IS LIKELY TO JEOPARDIZE SAFETY OF U.S. OR ALLIED FORCES; (4) SUPPORTING ASSISTANCE, MASF, AND MAP PLANS AND PROGRAMS BEYOND THE FY 75 CPD PROGRAM AND BROAD CONCEPTS FOR FUTURE. YOU SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE FOREGOING. INFORMATION PROVIDED COMMITTEE STAFF SHOULD BE LIMITED ACCORDINGLY. FURTHER INQUIRIES BY CONFIDENTIAL

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STAFF DEL SHOULD BE REFERRED TO WASHINGTON. STAFF DEL WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS POSITION PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE. (B) IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT NO TESTIMONY WILL BE GIVEN ON INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS EXCEPT BY THE DIRECTORS OF CIA, NSA, AND DIA AS THE CASE MAY BE, UNDER SPECIAL SECURITY PROCEDURES. EXCEPT FOR PERSONNEL WITH RESPONSIBILITIES TO DIR NSA WHO WILL BE GUIDED BY SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS, REFERENCE TO NSA

INSTALLATIONS, PERSONNEL AND OPERATIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO MOST GENERAL STATEMENT OF FACT THEY EXIST AND IF ASKED FOR DETAILS OF ANY OTHER INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED THROUGH OTHER CHANNELS, STAFF MEMBERS SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT ONLY THE DIRECTORS OF THE RESPECTIVE INTELLIGENCE SERVICES MAY PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION. AMBASSADORS SHOULD RESTRICT COMMENTS TO POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF INTELLIGENCE PRESENCE AND ACTIVITIES.

4. REQUESTS FOR PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE OR COMMUNICATIONS, OTHER THAN THAT MADE PUBLIC, SHOULD BE REFERRED TO WASHINGTON FOR ANSWER. REQUESTS FOR MAP PLANNING DOCUMENTS, PARA DOCUMENTS AND COMPARABLE INTERNAL WORKING PAPERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH SHOULD ALSO BE REFERRED PROMPTLY TO WASHINGTON FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

5. REQUESTS FOR ANY INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTS ABOUT WHICH THERE IS ANY DOUBT SHOULD BE REFERRED PROMPTLY TO WASHINGTON. EVERY ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO AVOID CONFRONTATION OVER DENIAL OR ACCESS TO SUCH MATERIAL. BUT, IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY ADVISE STAFF THAT YOU ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO FURNISH DOCUMENTS OF CERTAIN SENSITIVITY PENDING INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON.

6. YOU SHOULD REPORT, ADVISING THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE IN DETAIL, AS TO THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE STAFF, INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED, DOCUMENTS TO WHICH THEY HAD ACCESS, AND THOSE DOCUMENTS WHICH THEY HAD REQUESTED BUT NOT SEEN. COPIES OF ALL PAPERS PROVIDED SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON.

7. COMMITTEE STAFF HAVE ADVISED THAT THEY MAY WISH TO CONFIDENTIAL

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SPEAK WITH SOME FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND YOU SHOULD FACILITATE AS APPROPRIATE.

8. ADDRESSEES ADVISE SUBORDINATE POSTS AND COMMANDS AS APPROPRIATE.

9. ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF DEVELOPMENTS AND ALL CHANGES IN ITINERARY WHICH IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND RE-ADJUSTMENT.

10. MILITARY TRANSPORTATION IS AUTHORIZED AS REQUIRED. RUSH

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